

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



June 14, 1999

All COUNTY LETTER NO. 40-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ICPC LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICES

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Changes
- ☐ Federal Law of Regulations Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

REFERENCE: RESCINDING AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS  
FOR CALIFORNIA CHILDREN PLACED IN

- (1) EMILY GRIFFITH CENTER – LARKSPUR, COLORADO
- (2) DEVEREUX – RUTLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
- (3) YOUTH DYNAMICS, INC. – MONTANA
- (4) ST. ALOYSIUS ORPHANAGE – OHIO
- (5) BOYS AND GIRLS TOWN OF MISSOURI

**(1) EMILY GRIFFITH CENTER**

Emily Griffith Center has advised the California Department of Social Services that they are no longer interested in certification. The Community Care Licensing Division issued a letter dated May 6, 1999, to Emily Griffith Center documenting their request and removed them from the “authorized pending certification” list.

As such, under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) suspended, effective May 6, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California to Emily Griffith Center. In addition, CDSS is rescinding authorization to use public funds (county/state/federal) effective June 12, 1999, for California children currently in placement at Emily Griffith Center. The Sacramento and Sonoma County Probation Departments currently have children placed at this facility. These agencies were notified by telephone on Wednesday, May 12, 1999, to develop plans for the safe removal and return of the children.

As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for New Placements effective May 6, 1999. Counties may no longer claim costs for existing placements at this facility effective June 12, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions.

**(2) DEVEREUX**

Devereux (in Massachusetts) advised the California Department of Social Services that they are no longer interested in certification. The Community Care Licensing Division issued a letter dated April 9, 1999, to Devereux documenting their request and removed them from the “authorized pending certification” list.

As such, under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) suspended, effective April 9, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California to Devereux (in Massachusetts). The Sacramento County Probation Department has one California child placed at this facility and they were notified by telephone to develop a plan for the safe removal and return of the child.

As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for New Placements at this facility effective April 9, 1999. Counties may no longer claim costs for existing placements at this facility effective August 2, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions.

**(3) YOUTH DYNAMICS, INC.**

On May 12, 1999, Youth Dynamics, Inc. notified the Department’s Community Care Licensing Division that they are a licensed therapeutic foster care placement agency and not a residential treatment facility; therefore not subject to certification by California. The Community Care Licensing Division issued a letter dated May 19, 1999, to Youth Dynamics, Inc. documenting their status and removed them from the “authorized pending certification” list.

As such, under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) suspended, effective May 12, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California to Youth Dynamics, Inc. There are no California children currently in placement at Youth Dynamics, Inc.

As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for New Placements at this facility effective May 12, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions.

**(4) ST. ALOYSIUS ORPHANAGE**

St. Aloysius Orphanage advised the California Department of Social Services that they are no longer interested in certification. The Community Care Licensing Division issued a letter

dated May 26, 1999, to St. Aloysius Orphanage documenting their request and removed them from the “authorized pending certification” list.

As such, under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) suspended, effective May 26, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California to Devereux (in Massachusetts). There are no California children currently at this facility.

As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for New Placements at this facility effective May 26, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions.

#### **(5) BOYS AND GIRLS TOWN OF MISSOURI**

Boys and Girls Town of Missouri has advised the California Department of Social Services that they are no longer interested in certification. The Community Care Licensing Division issued a letter dated May 26, 1999, to Boys and Girls Town of Missouri documenting their request and removed them from the “authorized pending certification” list.

As such, under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) suspended, effective May 26, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California to Boys and Girls Town of Missouri. The Ventura County Department of Social Services currently has three children placed at this facility and they were notified by telephone on Thursday, May 27, 1999, to develop plans for the safe removal and return of the children.

As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for New Placements at this facility effective May 26, 1999. Counties may no longer claim costs for existing placements at this facility effective June 26, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please be advised that the failure to obtain certification precludes placement of California children in those facilities by county social services or probation departments. However, children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and placed pursuant to California Government Code section 7570 et. al. are not impacted by the certification process.

Attached for your convenience is a revised “Authorized Pending Certification” list.

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Should you desire additional information, please telephone Ms. Marika Wolf, Deputy Compact Administrator and Manager, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit, at (916) 323-1000.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By Del Sayles-Owen  
On June 7, 1999***

**DEL SAYLES-OWEN**  
Acting Deputy Director and  
Compact Administrator

Attachment

c: CWDA  
CPOC  
Judicial Council  
CDSS Adoption District Offices

**OUT-OF-STATE  
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES THAT ARE  
“AUTHORIZED  
PENDING CERTIFICATION”**

**Updated June 3, 1999**

- Azelway (Texas)
- Chileda Institute (Wisconsin)
- Children’s Home of Detroit (Michigan)
- Christie School (Oregon)
- Church of God Children’s Home (North Carolina)
- Cinnamon Hills (Utah)
- Colorado Boys Ranch (Colorado)
- Devereux (*League City*, Texas and *Victoria*, Texas)
- Excelsior (Colorado)
- Glen Mills (Pennsylvania)
- Heritage
- Nashua Child Center (New Hampshire)
- New Hope Treatment Centers (South Carolina)
- Normative Services (Wyoming)
- Prairie Learning Center (North Dakota)
- Raindancer Youth Services (Utah)
- Rite of Passage--except the Remote Treatment Campus, (Nevada)
- Sorenson’s Ranch School (Utah)
- Vision Quest (Arizona)